

Pierre Auger Observatory  
studying the universe's highest energy particles

# Anisotropy studies with the Pierre Auger Observatory

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  - Indication for intermediate-scale anisotropy  
**ApJ.Lett. 853:L29 (2018)**
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# The Pierre Auger Observatory

~ 500 members, 17 countries

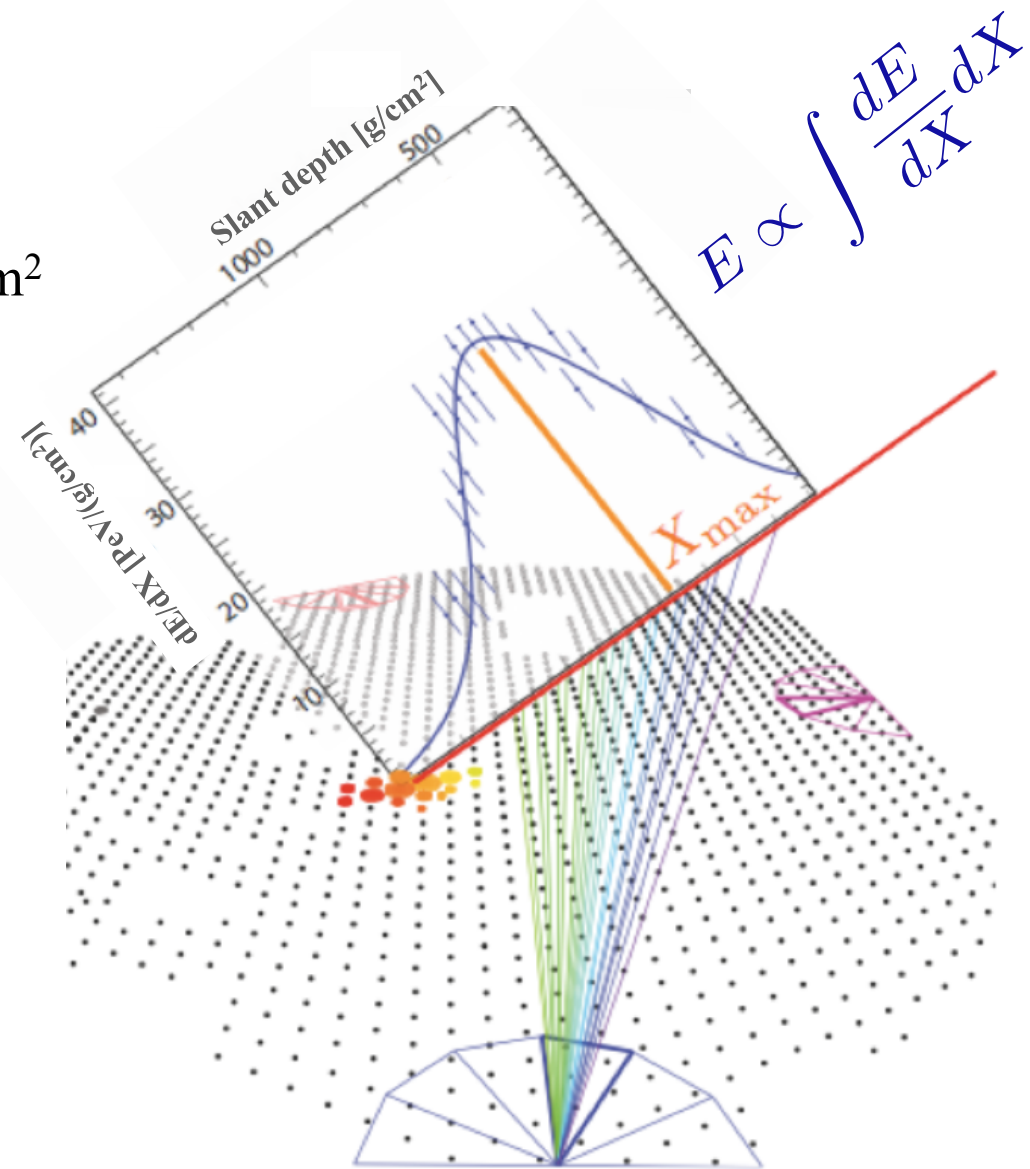
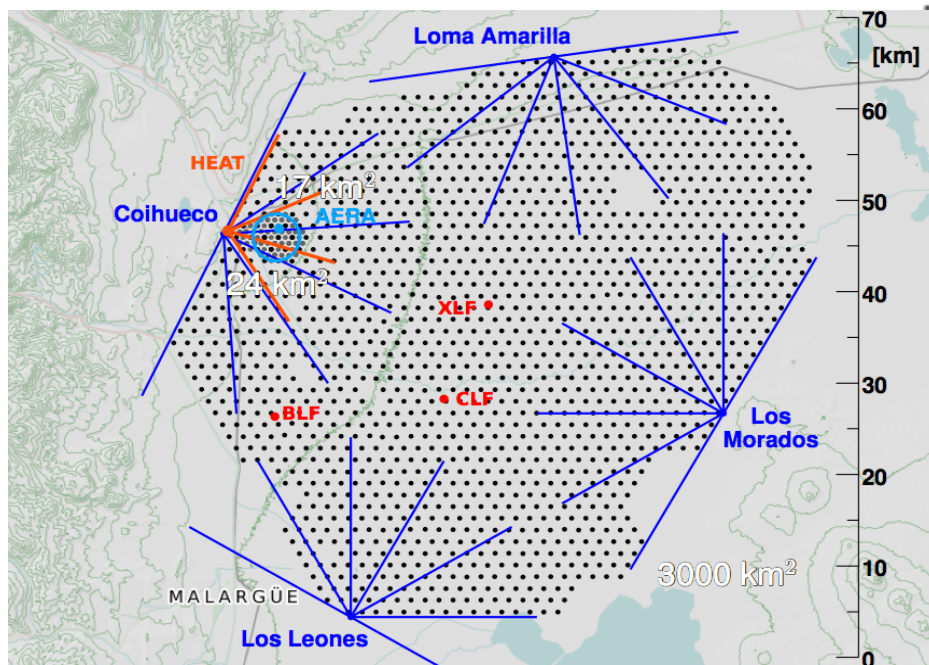
## Main Detectors

### Surface detector

- array of 1660 Cherenkov stations on a 1.5 km hexagonal grid ~ 3000 km<sup>2</sup>
- duty cycle ~ 100%

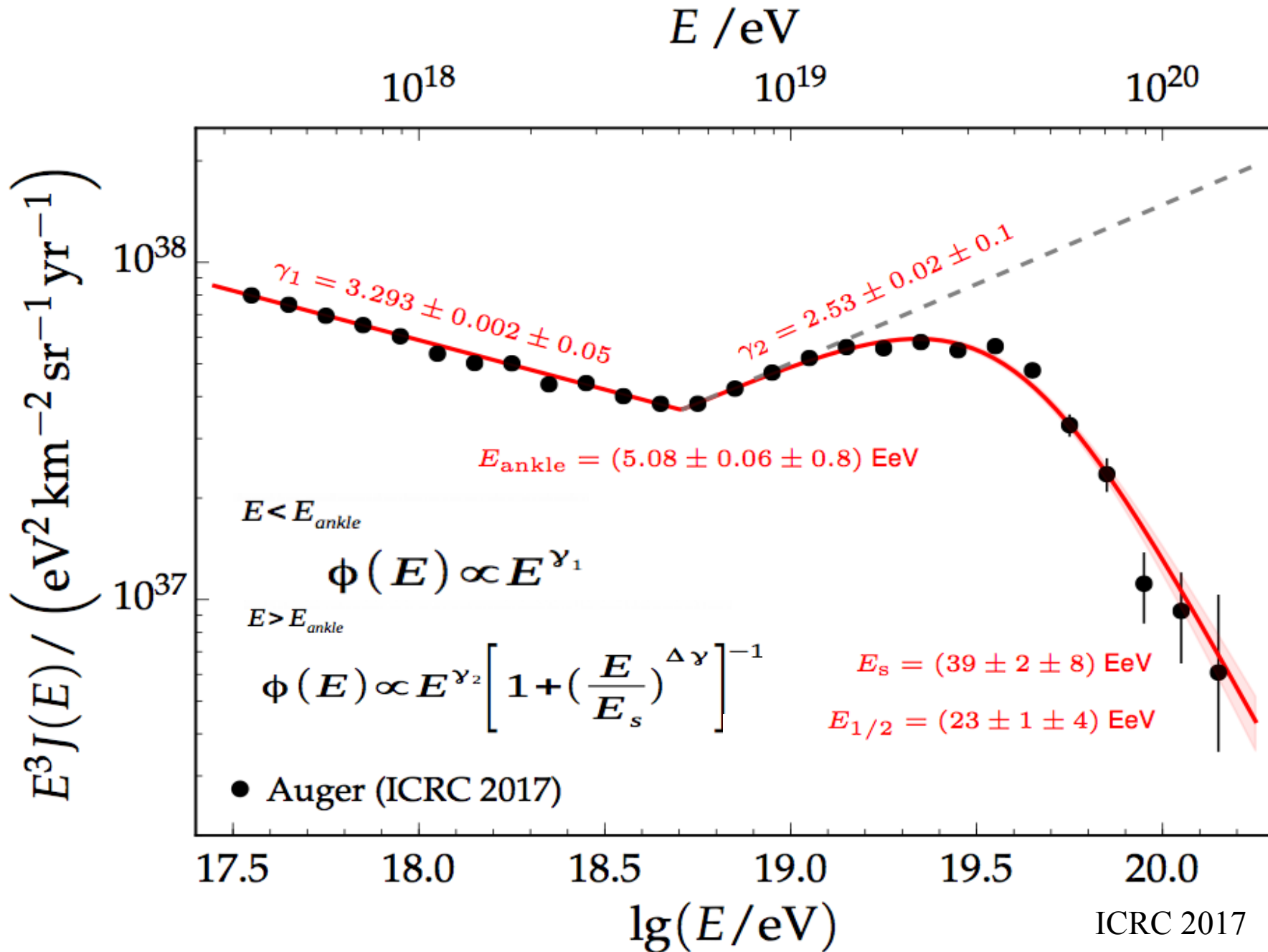
### Fluorescence detector

- 4 + 1 buildings overlooking the array (24 + 3) telescopes
- duty cycle ~ 13%



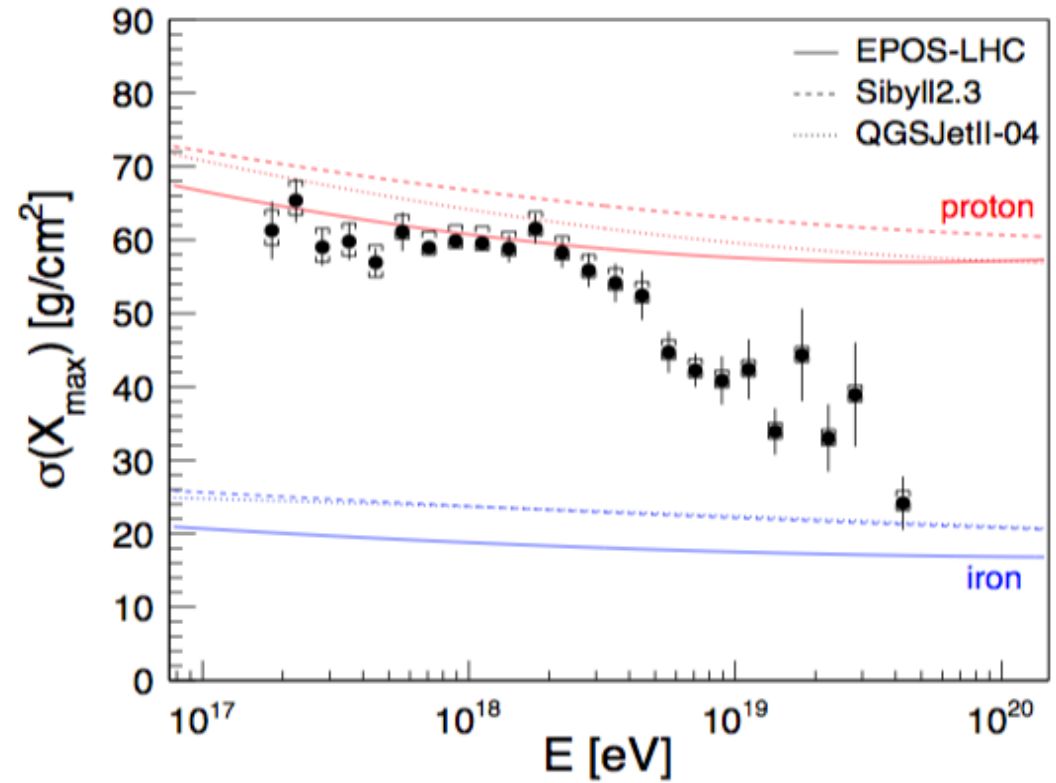
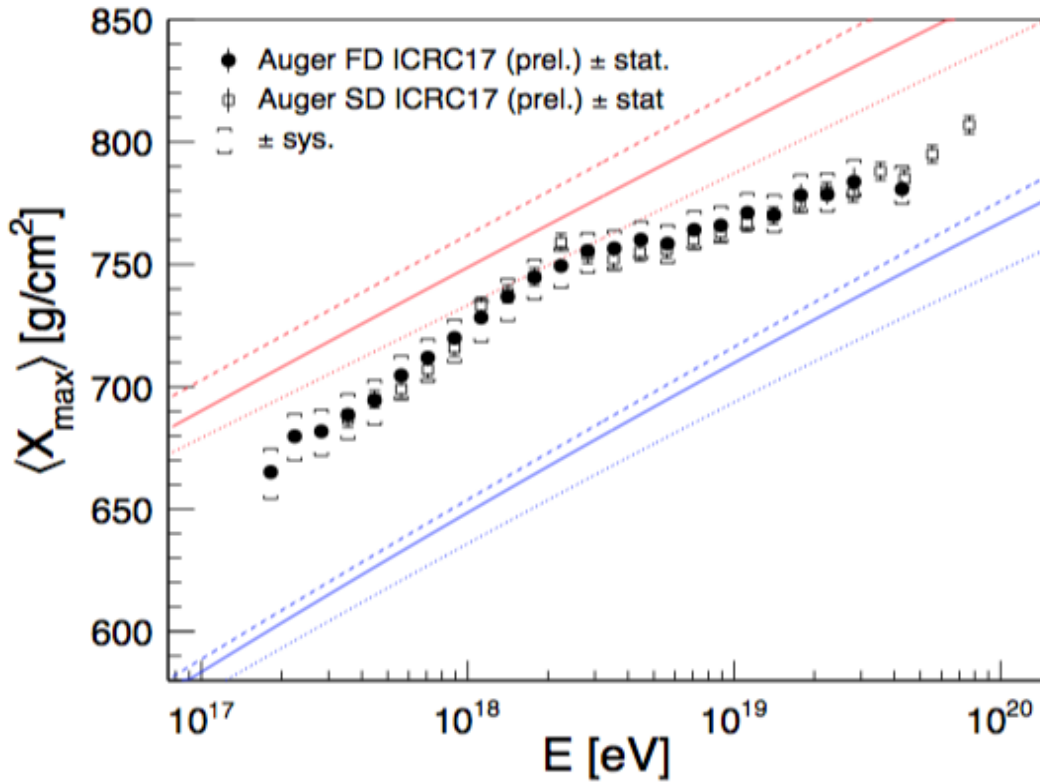
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# Auger Energy Spectrum



# Average $X_{\max}$ and $X_{\max}$ fluctuations

ICRC 2017



Mixed composition at the highest energies

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# Search for Intermediate-scale Anisotropies

Study motivated by Fermi-LAT observations of high-energy gamma rays

- ▶ SBG: 23 nearby **starburst galaxies**,  $\Phi > 0.3$  Jy,  $w$  : radio at 1.4 GHz
- ▶  $\gamma$ AGN: 17 **2FHL blazars and radio galaxies**,  $D < 250$  Mpc,  $w$  :  $\gamma$ -ray 50 GeV-2 TeV.

$\omega$  = UHECR flux proxy

## Advantages of the present analysis

- Ansatzes for the relative UHECRS fluxes  $\rightarrow$  potentially more sensitive than previous analysis based solely on the source direction
- Improved knowledge of energy-dependent compositions  $\rightarrow$  attenuation fluxes
- Significant increase of the Pierre Auger Observatory exposure  $\rightarrow$  data can reveal more subtle patterns

# Search for Intermediate-scale Anisotropies

## Analysis strategy

- Sky model probability maps:

$\Phi_i = \text{flux model} \times \text{attenuat. model} \times \text{ang. smearing } (\sigma) \times \text{exposure}$

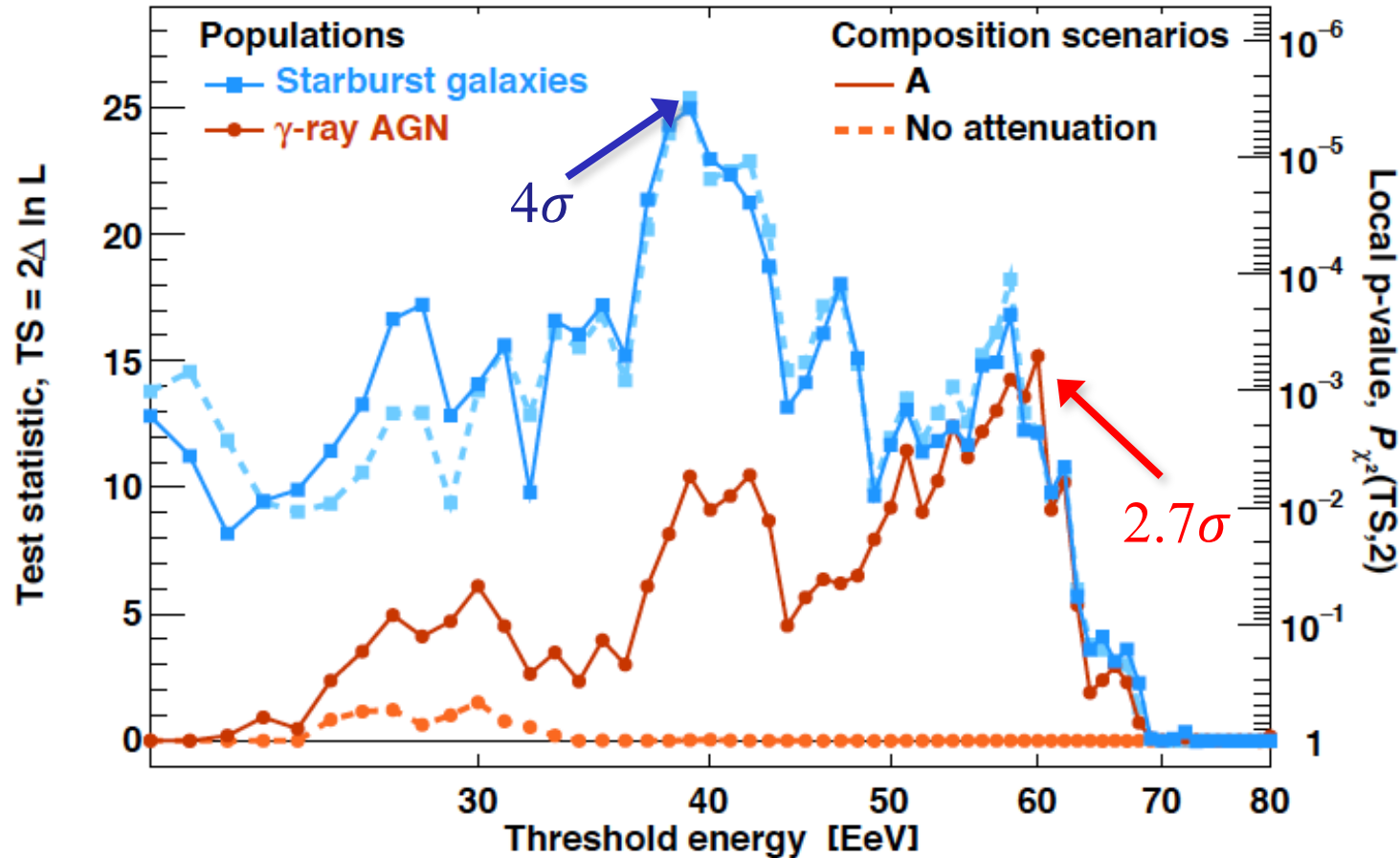
- Single population signal model  $H_1$ :

$$\Phi = (1-f) \Phi_0 + f \Phi_i \quad : \text{ (free parameters: } \sigma \text{ and } f \text{ )}$$

- Null hypothesis  $H_0$ : isotropy  $\Phi_0$
- Test statistics:  $TS = 2 \log(H_1/H_0)$
- p-value from Wilk's theorem:  $p(TS) = p_{\chi^2}(TS, \text{ndf})$

# Test Statistic vs. Energy

SBG fits data better than isotropy at  $4\sigma$  C.L. (penalized by the energy scan)



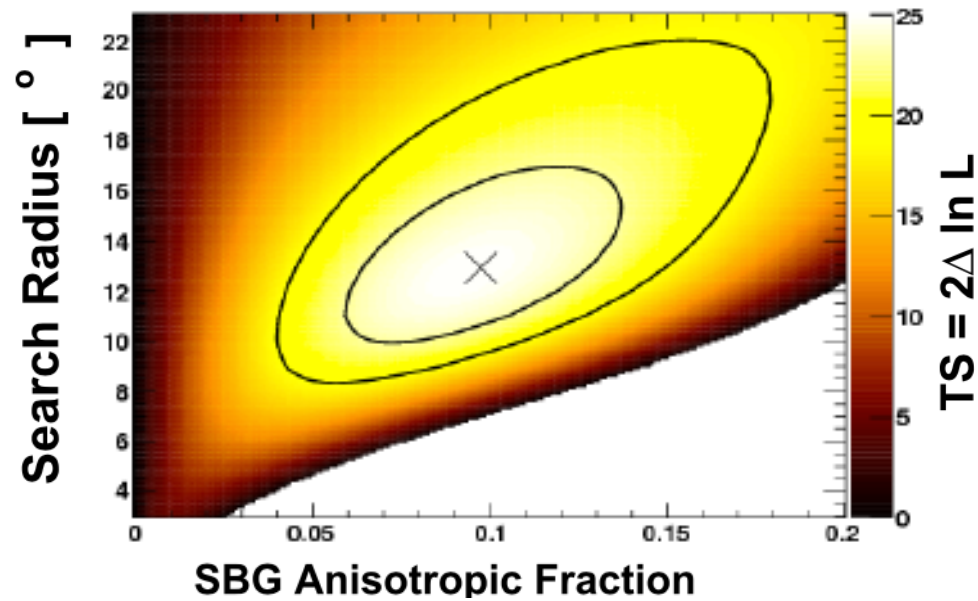
A: Auger best fit  $\implies$

name	$\lg(R_{\max}/V)$	$f_p$	$f_{\text{He}}$	$f_N$	$f_{\text{Si}}$	$\gamma$
EPO1st	18.68	0.000	0.673	0.281	0.046	0.96

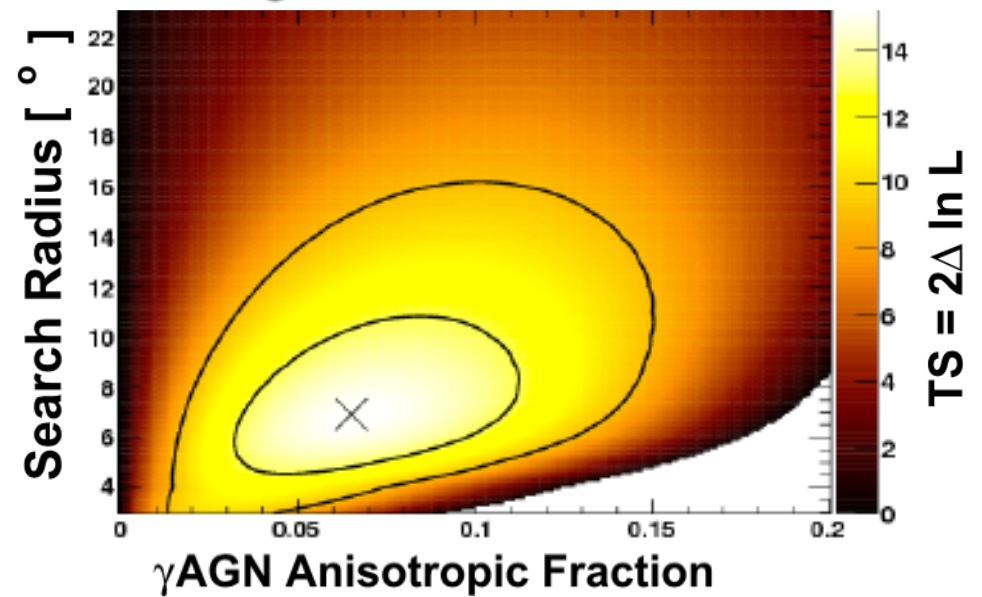
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# Best fit parameters

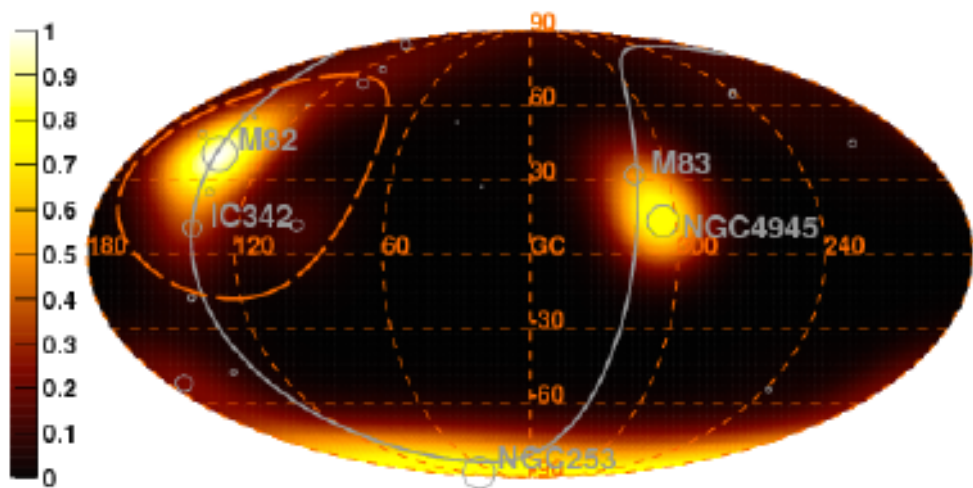
### Starburst galaxies - $E > 39$ EeV



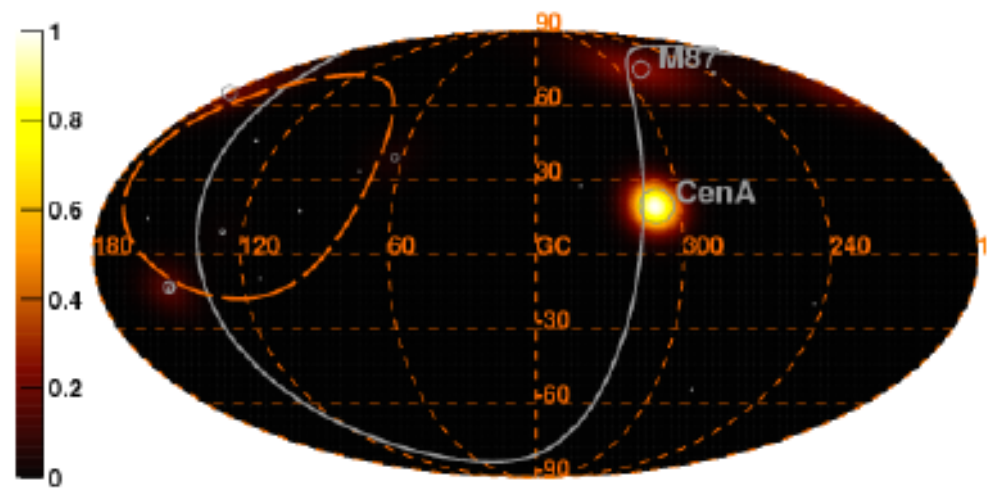
### Active galactic nuclei - $E > 60$ EeV



### Model Flux Map - Starburst galaxies - $E > 39$ EeV

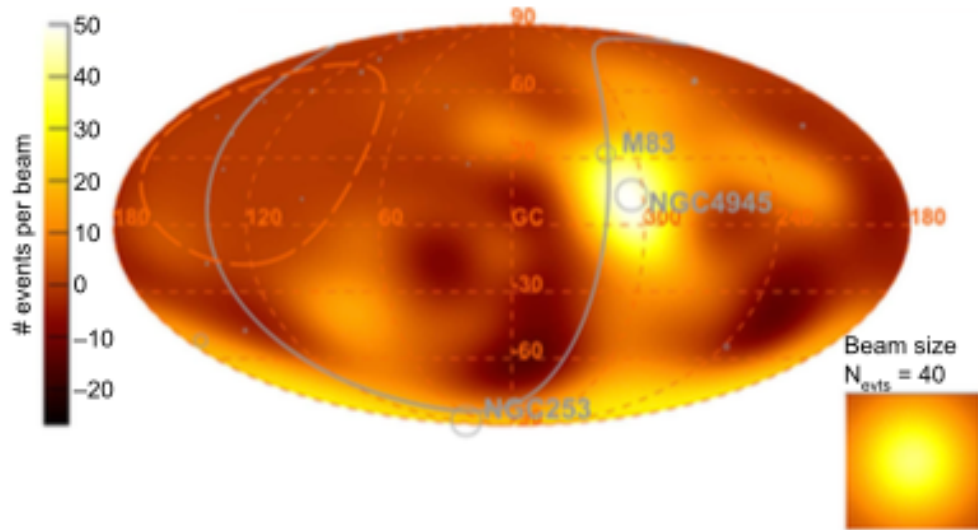


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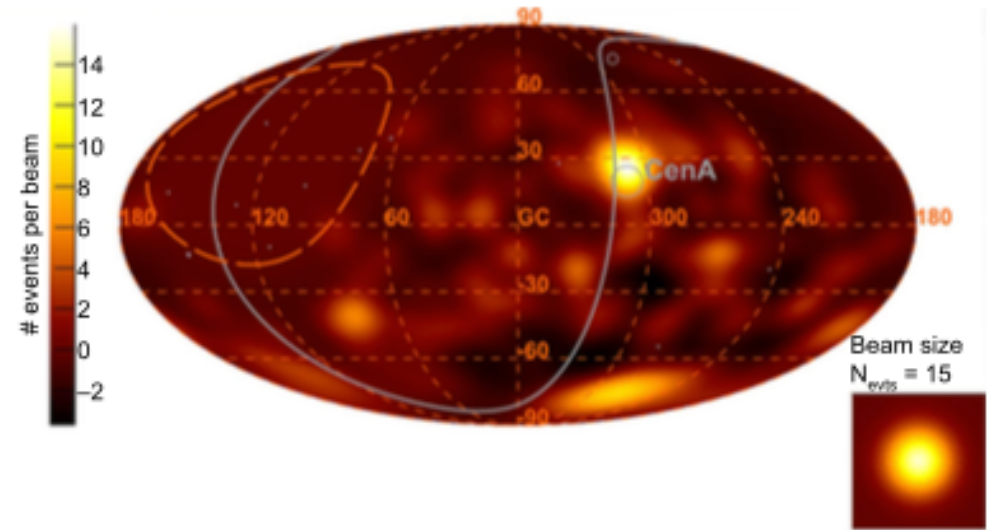


# Data vs Model (gal. coordinates)

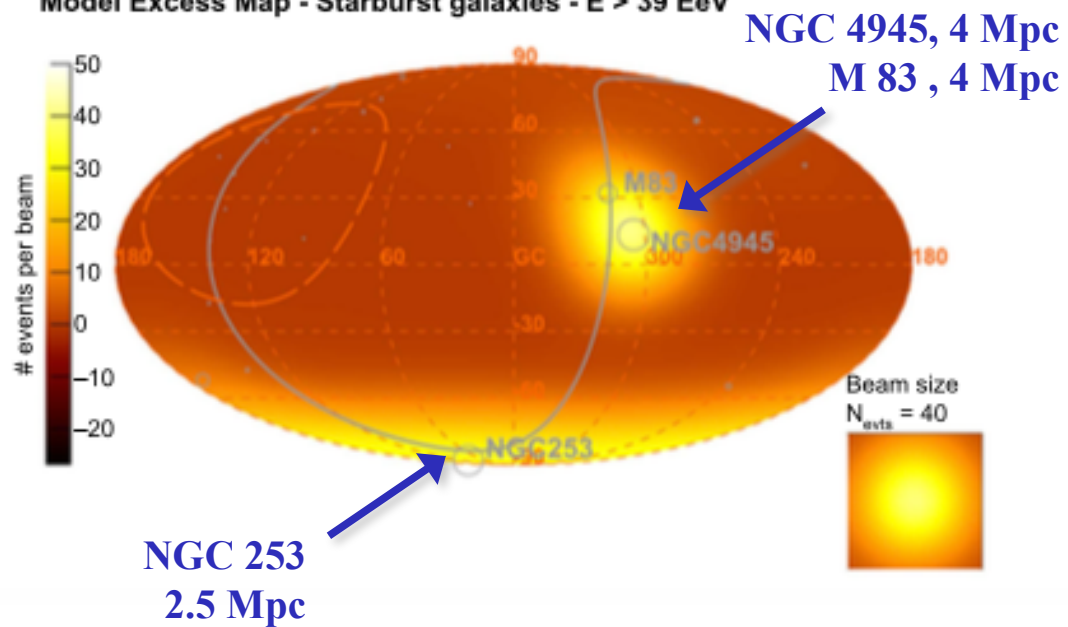
Observed Excess Map -  $E > 39$  EeV



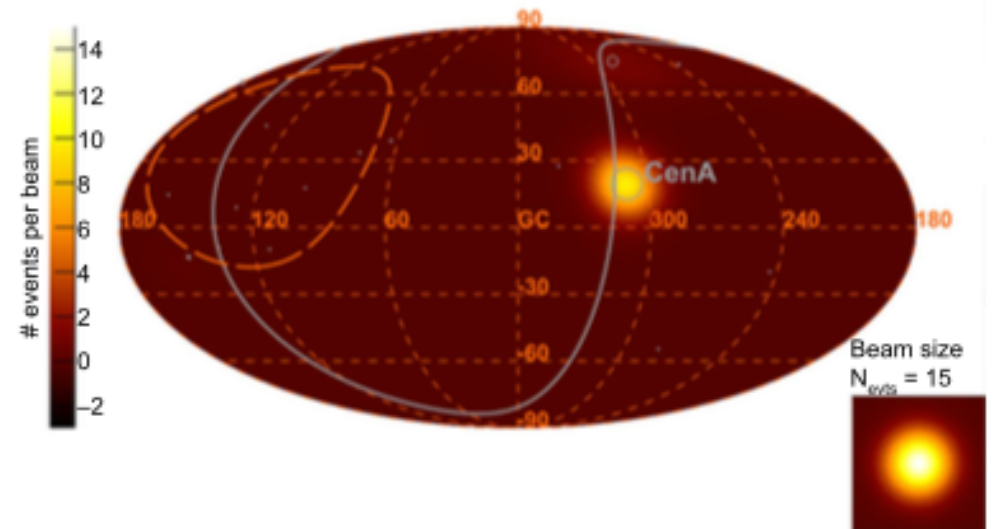
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# Summary about searches for intermediate-scale anisotropies

- Isotropy of UHECRs is disfavored with  $4.0 \sigma$  confidence in comparison with SBG model
- Caution is required in identifying SBGs as the preferred sources prior to understanding the impact of the magnetic deflections
- No penalization for multiple searches performed within the Collaboration

# Arrival Directions

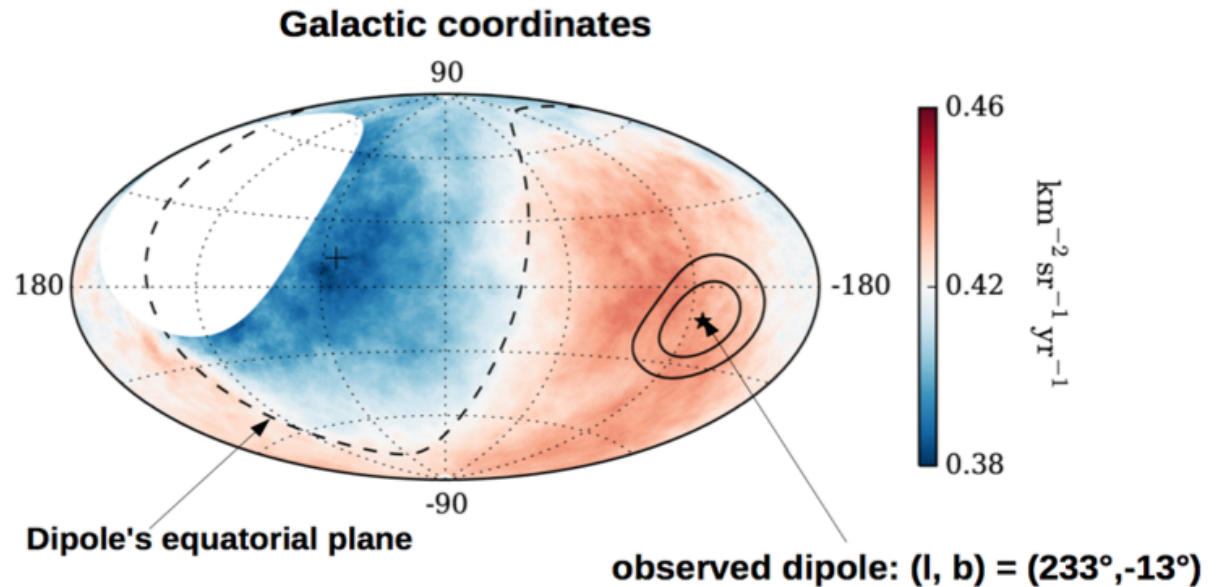
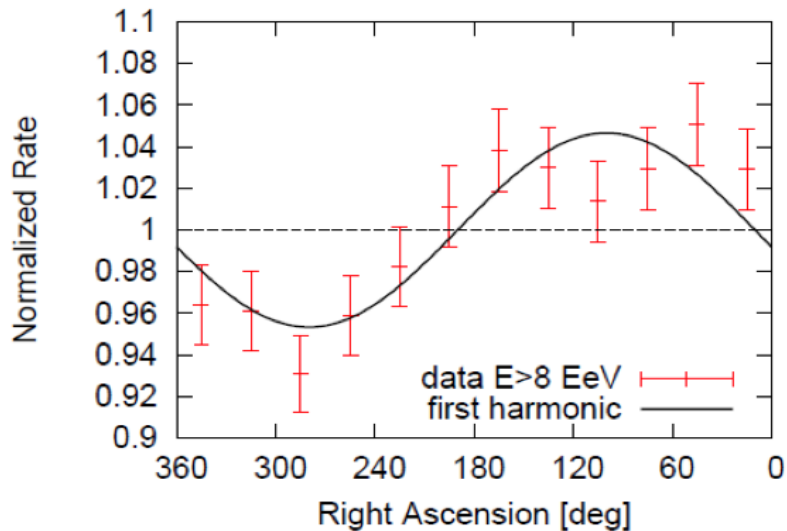
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# Observation of Dipolar anisotropy above 8 EeV

Harmonic analysis in right ascension  $\alpha$

$E$ [EeV]	events	amplitude $r$	phase [deg.]	$P(\geq r)$
4-8	81701	$0.005^{+0.006}_{-0.002}$	$80 \pm 60$	0.60
$> 8$	32187	$0.047^{+0.008}_{-0.007}$	$100 \pm 10$	$2.6 \times 10^{-8}$

significant modulation at  $5.2\sigma$  ( $5.6\sigma$  before penalization for energy bins explored)

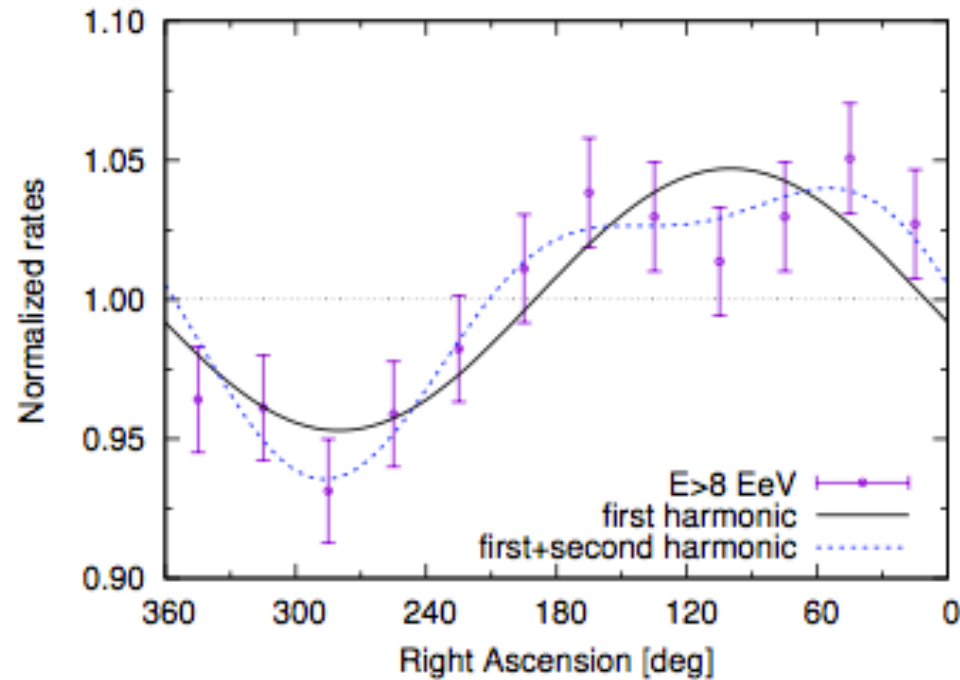


3d-dipole above 8 EeV:  $(6.5^{+1.3}_{-0.9})\%$  at  $(\alpha, \delta) = (100^\circ, -24^\circ)$

# Search for quadrupolar patterns

**Table 1.** Results of the first and second harmonic analyses in right ascension.

Energy [EeV]	events	$k$	$a_k^\alpha$	$b_k^\alpha$	$r_k^\alpha$	$\varphi_k^\alpha [^\circ]$	$P(\geq r_k^\alpha)$
4 - 8	81,701	1	$0.001 \pm 0.005$	$0.005 \pm 0.005$	0.005	$80 \pm 60$	0.60
		2	$-0.001 \pm 0.005$	$0.001 \pm 0.005$	0.002	$70 \pm 80$	0.94
$\geq 8$	32,187	1	$-0.008 \pm 0.008$	$0.046 \pm 0.008$	0.047	$100 \pm 10$	$2.6 \times 10^{-8}$
		2	$0.013 \pm 0.008$	$0.012 \pm 0.008$	0.018	$21 \pm 12$	0.065

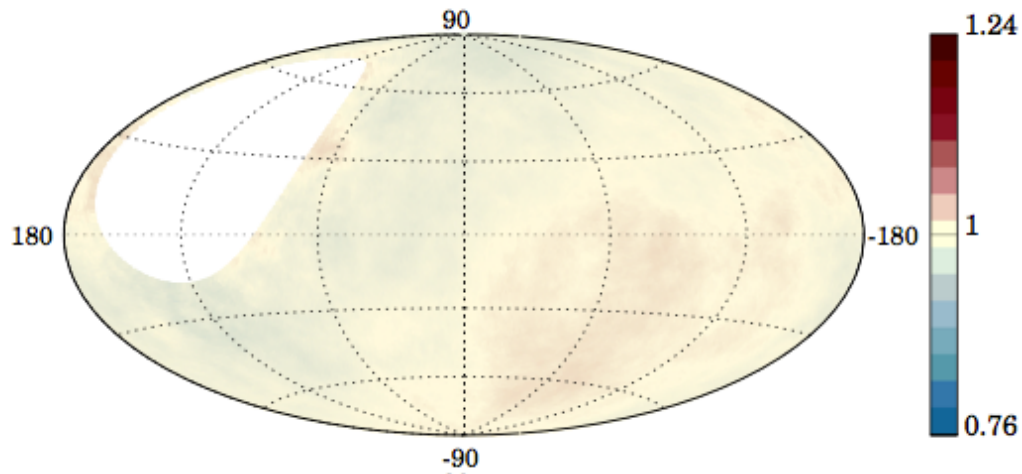


**No significant second harmonic amplitude**

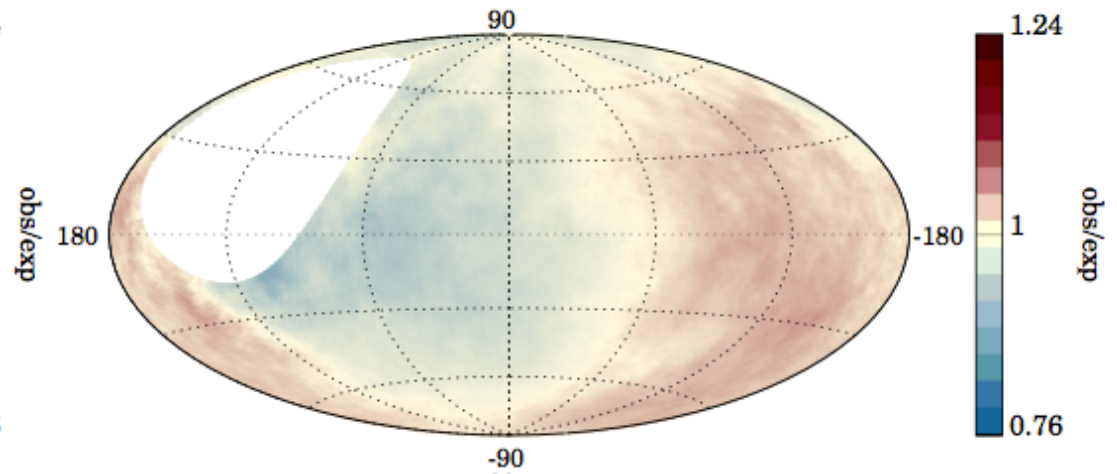
# Energy dependence of dipole amplitude and direction

- Energy bin above 8 EeV splitted in 3: [8,16] EeV, [16,32] EeV and  $E > 32$  EeV

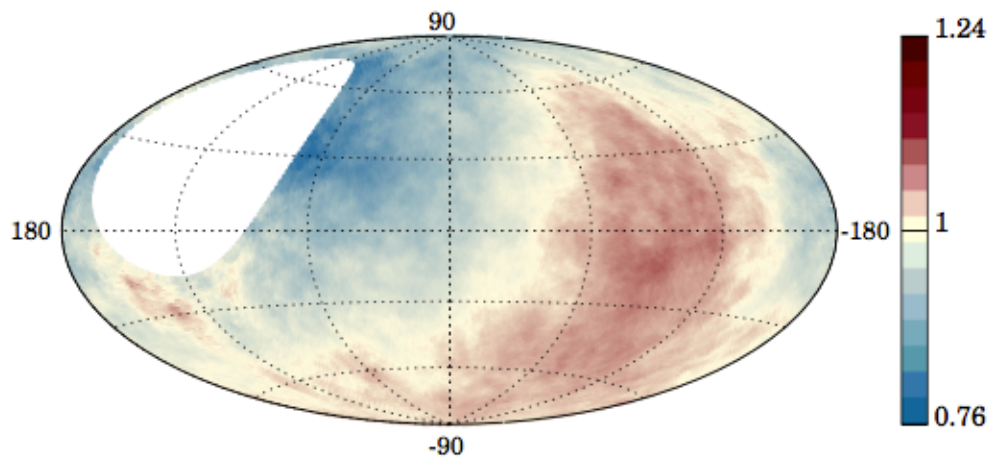
4 EeV  $\leq E < 8$  EeV



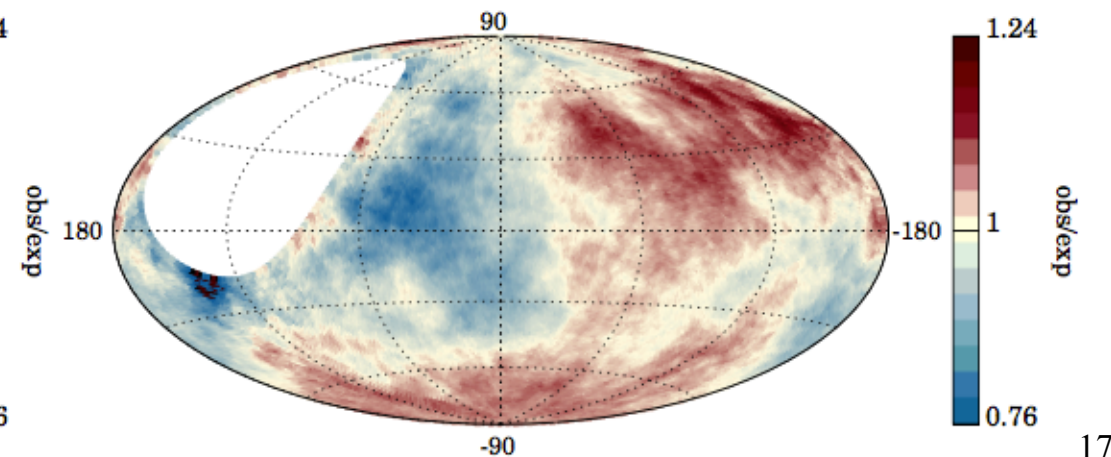
8 EeV  $\leq E < 16$  EeV



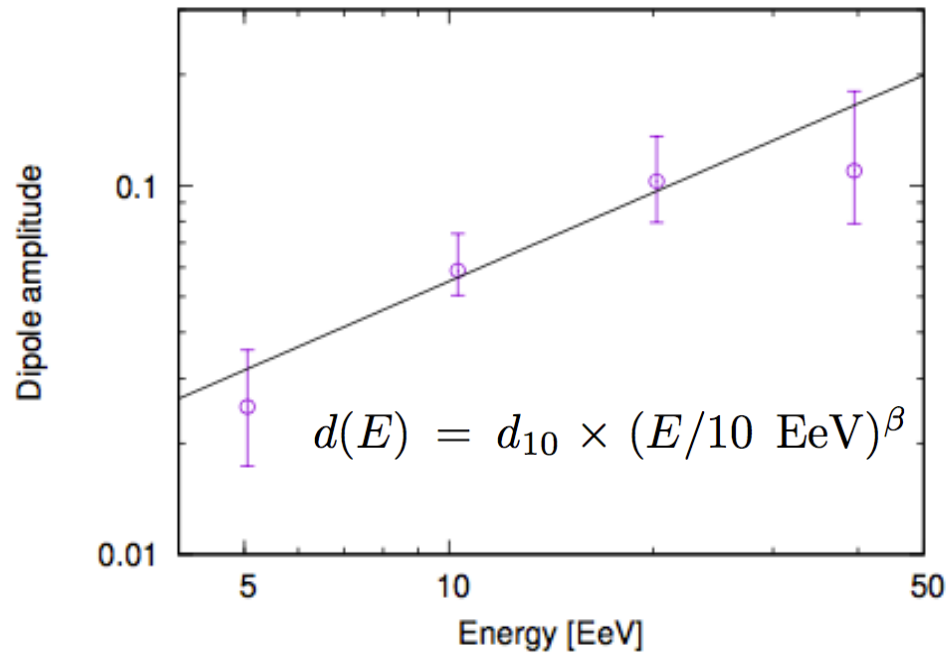
16 EeV  $\leq E < 32$  EeV



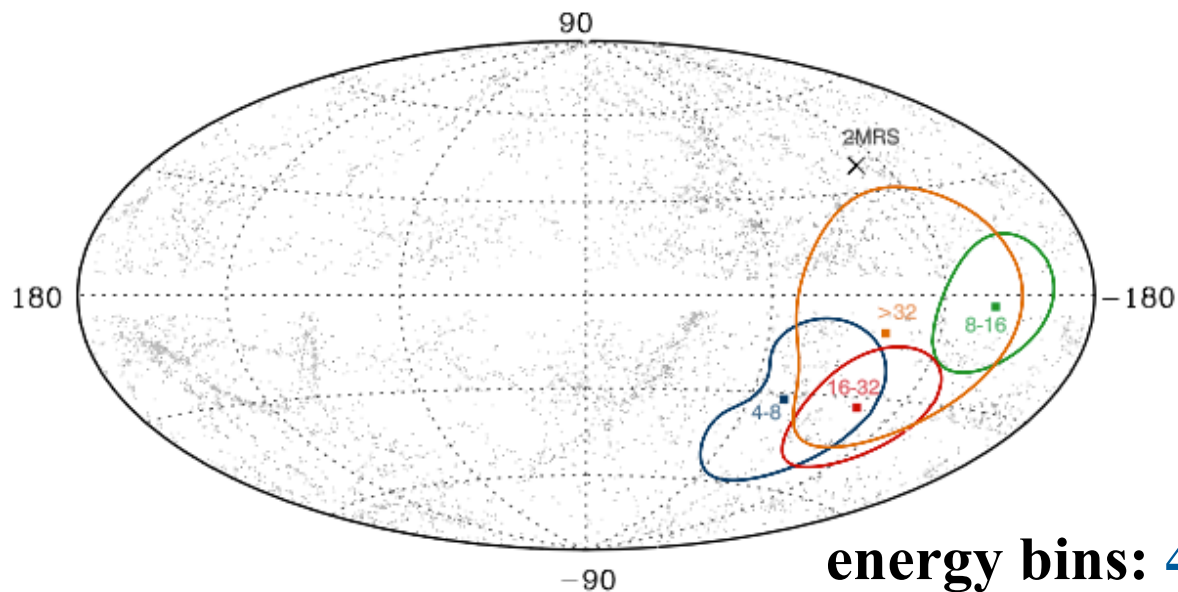
$E \geq 32$  EeV



# Energy dependence of dipole amplitude and direction



Expected because of the smaller CR deflection at higher rigidities and large attenuation suffered by CRs from distant sources



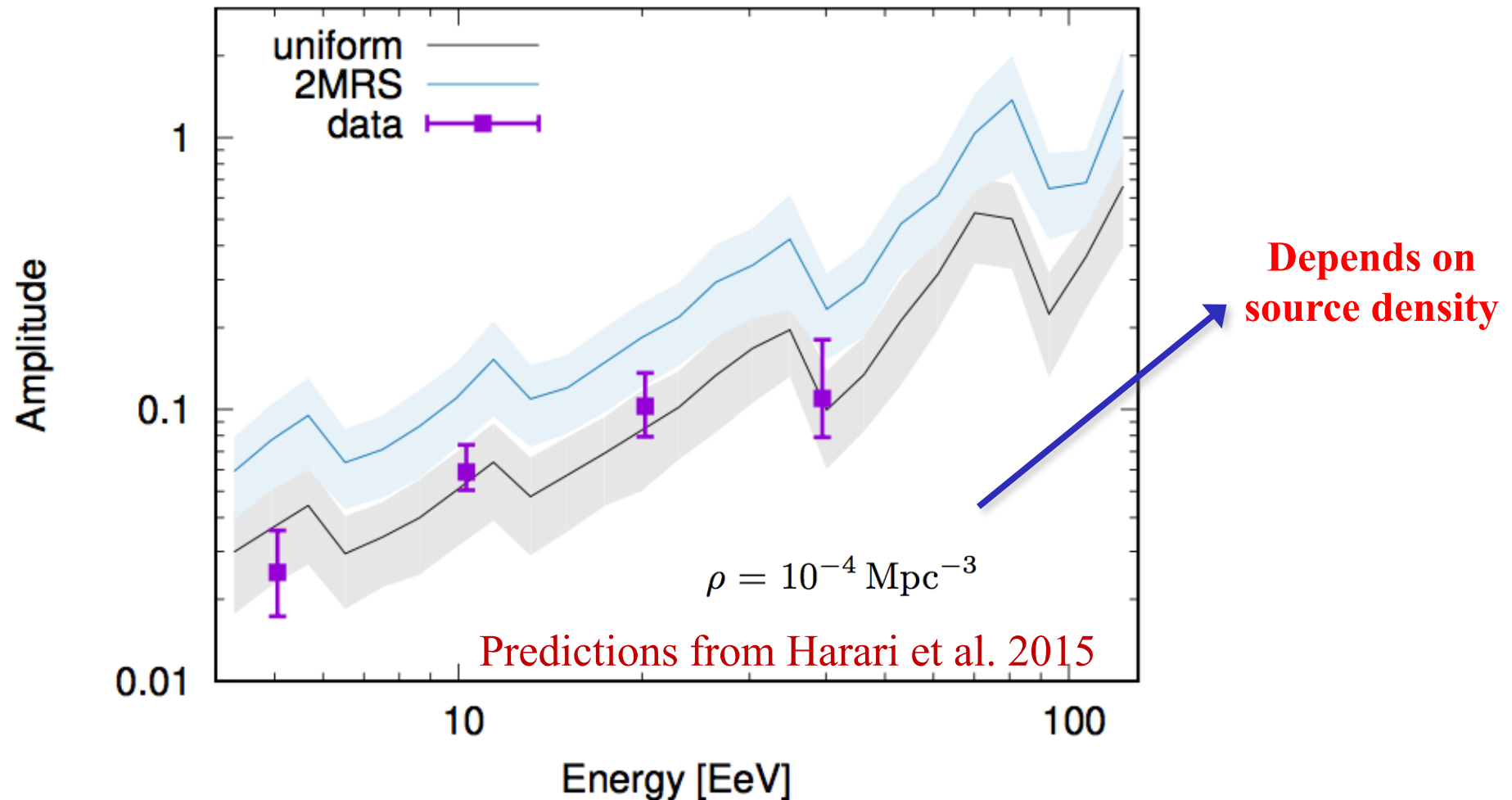
No clear trend in change of dipole direction as a function of energy

energy bins: 4-8, 8-16, 16-32, > 32

# Plausible explanations for the dipolar-like structure

Dipole anisotropy may

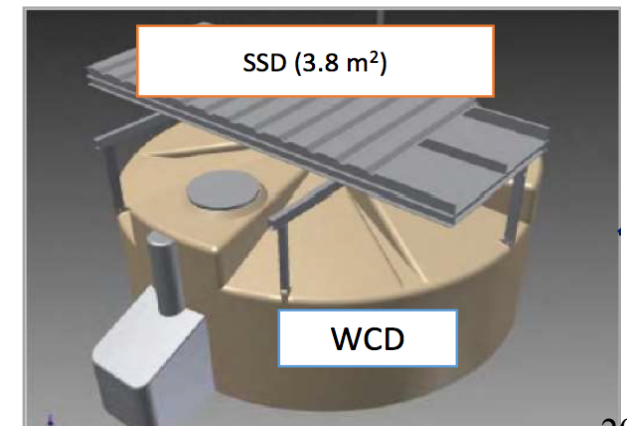
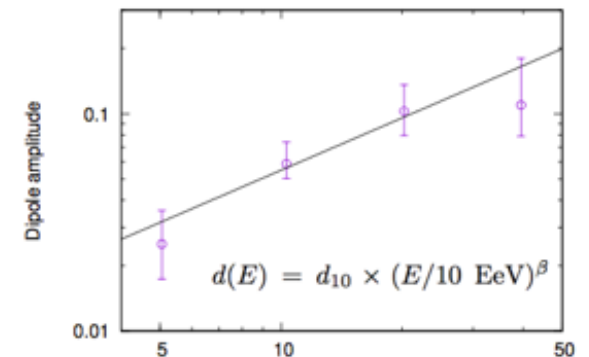
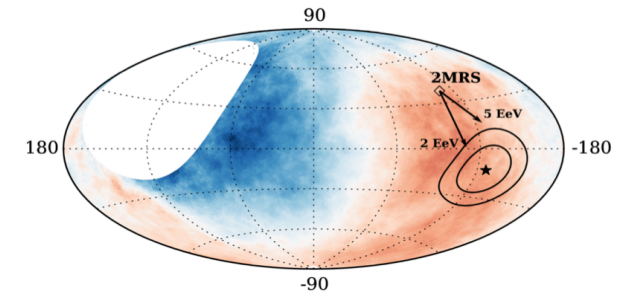
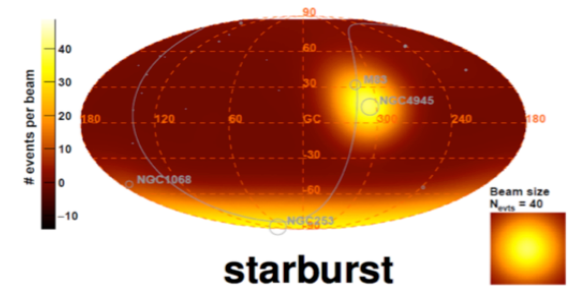
- arise from diffusive propagation from powerful sources in few nearby galaxies
- reflect known anisotropy in distribution of galaxies within few hundred Mpc



# Conclusions

- **$E > 39 \text{ EeV}$** : Indication for intermediate scale anisotropy
- **$E > 8 \text{ EeV}$** : Dipolar anisotropy with  $> 5\sigma$  significance
  - dipolar amplitude increases with energy
  - disfavors of galactic origin

Mass-sensitive observables for each event provided by the upgrade detection of the Pierre Auger observatory will help in the comprehension about the UHECRs



# Backups

# Populations investigated

SBGs	$l$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	$b$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	Distance <sup>a</sup> (Mpc)	Flux Weight (%)	Attenuated Weight: A/B/C (%)	% Contribution <sup>b</sup> : A/B/C (%)
NGC 253	97.4	-88	2.7	13.6	20.7/18.0/16.6	35.9/32.2/30.2
M82	141.4	40.6	3.6	18.6	24.0/22.3/21.4	0.2/0.1/0.1
NGC 4945	305.3	13.3	4	16	19.2/18.3/17.9	39.0/38.4/38.3
M83	314.6	32	4	6.3	7.6/7.2/7.1	13.1/12.9/12.9
IC 342	138.2	10.6	4	5.5	6.6/6.3/6.1	0.1/0.0/0.0
NGC 6946	95.7	11.7	5.9	3.4	3.2/3.3/3.5	0.1/0.1/0.1
NGC 2903	208.7	44.5	6.6	1.1	0.9/1.0/1.1	0.6/0.7/0.7
NGC 5055	106	74.3	7.8	0.9	0.7/0.8/0.9	0.2/0.2/0.2
NGC 3628	240.9	64.8	8.1	1.3	1.0/1.1/1.2	0.8/0.9/1.1
NGC 3627	242	64.4	8.1	1.1	0.8/0.9/1.1	0.7/0.8/0.9
NGC 4631	142.8	84.2	8.7	2.9	2.1/2.4/2.7	0.8/0.9/1.1
M51	104.9	68.6	10.3	3.6	2.3/2.8/3.3	0.3/0.4/0.5
NGC 891	140.4	-17.4	11	1.7	1.1/1.3/1.5	0.2/0.3/0.3
NGC 3556	148.3	56.3	11.4	0.7	0.4/0.6/0.6	0.0/0.0/0.0
NGC 660	141.6	-47.4	15	0.9	0.5/0.6/0.8	0.4/0.5/0.6
NGC 2146	135.7	24.9	16.3	2.6	1.3/1.7/2.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
NGC 3079	157.8	48.4	17.4	2.1	1.0/1.4/1.5	0.1/0.1/0.1
NGC 1068	172.1	-51.9	17.9	12.1	5.6/7.9/9.0	6.4/9.4/10.9
NGC 1365	238	-54.6	22.3	1.3	0.5/0.8/0.8	0.9/1.5/1.6
Arp 299	141.9	55.4	46	1.6	0.4/0.7/0.6	0.0/0.0/0.0
Arp 220	36.6	53	80	0.8	0.1/0.3/0.2	0.0/0.2/0.1
NGC 6240	20.7	27.3	105	1	0.1/0.3/0.1	0.1/0.3/0.1
Mkn 231	121.6	60.2	183	0.8	0.0/0.1/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0

# Populations investigated

$\gamma$ AGNs	$l$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	$b$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	Distance <sup>a</sup> (Mpc)	Flux Weight (%)	Attenuated Weight: A/B/C (%)	% Contribution <sup>b</sup> : A/B/C (%)
Cen A Core	309.6	19.4	3.7	0.8	60.5/14.6/40.4	86.8/56.3/71.5
M87	283.7	74.5	18.5	1	15.3/7.1/29.5	9.7/12.1/23.1
NGC 1275	150.6	-13.3	76	2.2	6.6/6.1/7.5	0.7/1.6/1.0
IC 310	150.2	-13.7	83	1	2.3/2.4/2.6	0.3/0.6/0.3
3C 264	235.8	73	95	0.5	0.8/1.0/0.8	0.4/1.3/0.5
TXS 0149 + 710	127.9	9	96	0.5	0.7/0.9/0.7	0.0/0.0/0.0
Mkn 421	179.8	65	136	54	11.4/48.3/14.7	1.8/19.1/2.8
PKS 0229-581	280.2	-54.6	140	0.5	0.1/0.5/0.1	0.2/2.0/0.3
Mkn 501	63.6	38.9	148	20.8	2.3/15.0/3.6	0.3/5.2/0.6
1ES 2344 + 514	112.9	-9.9	195	3.3	0.0/1.0/0.1	0.0/0.0/0.0
Mkn 180	131.9	45.6	199	1.9	0.0/0.5/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
1ES 1959 + 650	98	17.7	209	6.8	0.0/1.7/0.1	0.0/0.0/0.0
AP Librae	340.7	27.6	213	1.7	0.0/0.4/0.0	0.0/1.3/0.0
TXS 0210 + 515	135.8	-9	218	0.9	0.0/0.2/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
GB6 J0601 + 5315	160	14.6	232	0.4	0.0/0.1/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0
PKS 0625-35	243.4	-20	245	1.3	0.0/0.1/0.0	0.0/0.5/0.0
I Zw 187	77.1	33.5	247	2.3	0.0/0.2/0.0	0.0/0.0/0.0

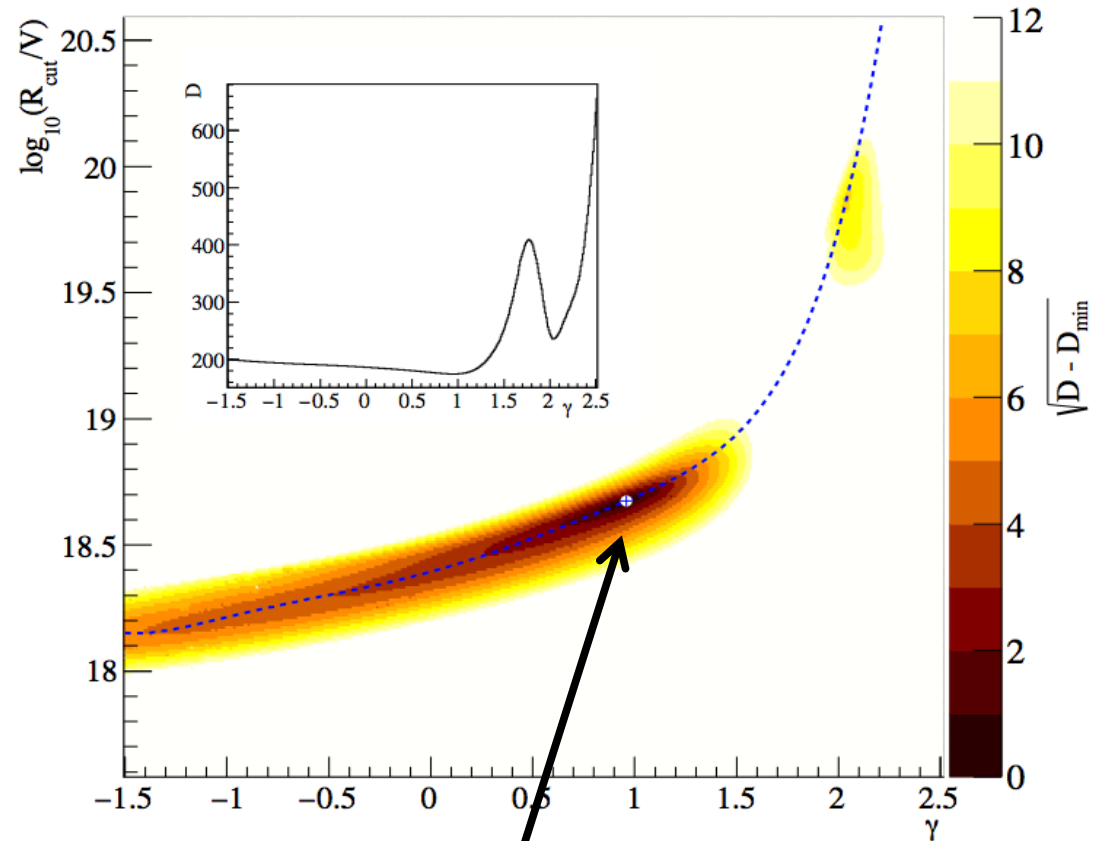
# Combined Fit (Xmax and spectrum) of Auger data

Identical sources homogeneously distributed in a comoving volume

- Injection consisting only of H, He, Ni, Si and Fe (approximately equally space in  $\ln A$ )
- Power low spectrum with rigidity-dependent exponential cutoff

$$\frac{dN_{inj,i}}{dE} = \begin{cases} J_0 P_i \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\gamma}, & E/Z_i < R_{cut} \\ J_0 P_i \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\gamma} \exp\left(1 - \frac{E}{Z_i R_{cut}}\right), & E/Z_i > R_{cut} \end{cases}$$

$P_{Ni} \text{ and } P_{Si}$

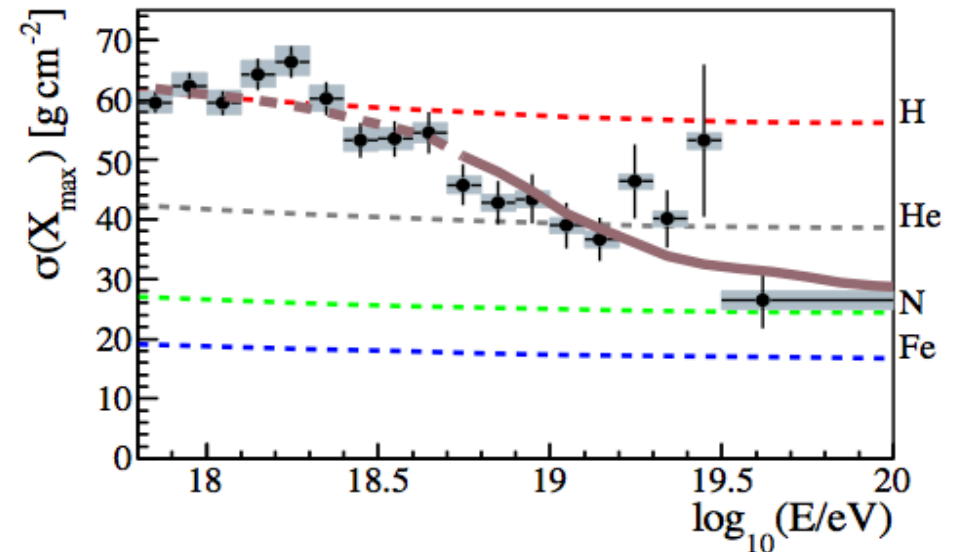
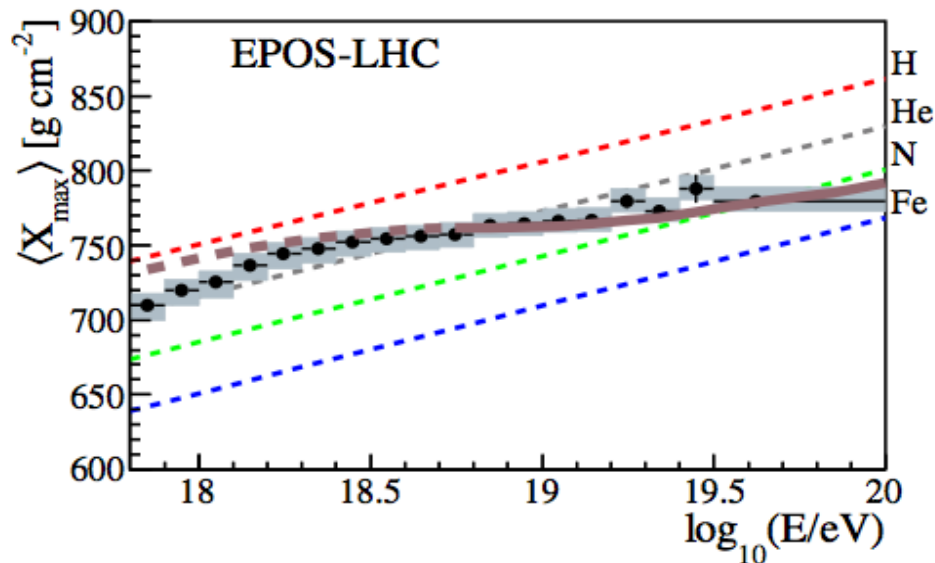
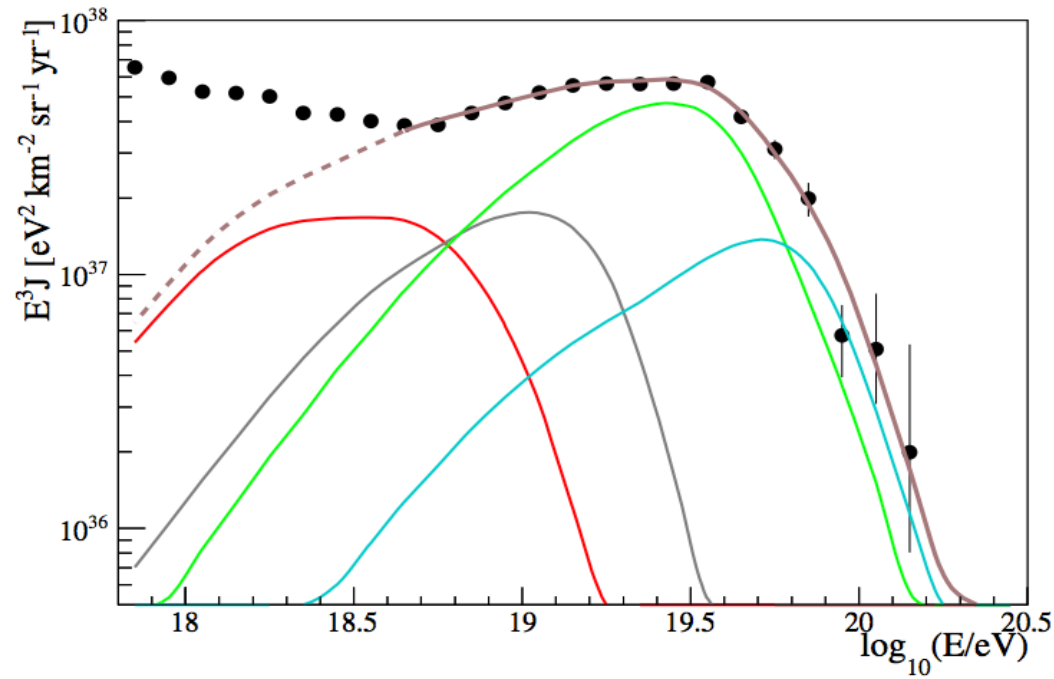


**Best Fit**

- Hard spectral index
  - Low Cutoff energy
- Exhaustion of source scenario favored

**Caveat: dependence of the propagation models**

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# Tests with different hypotheses

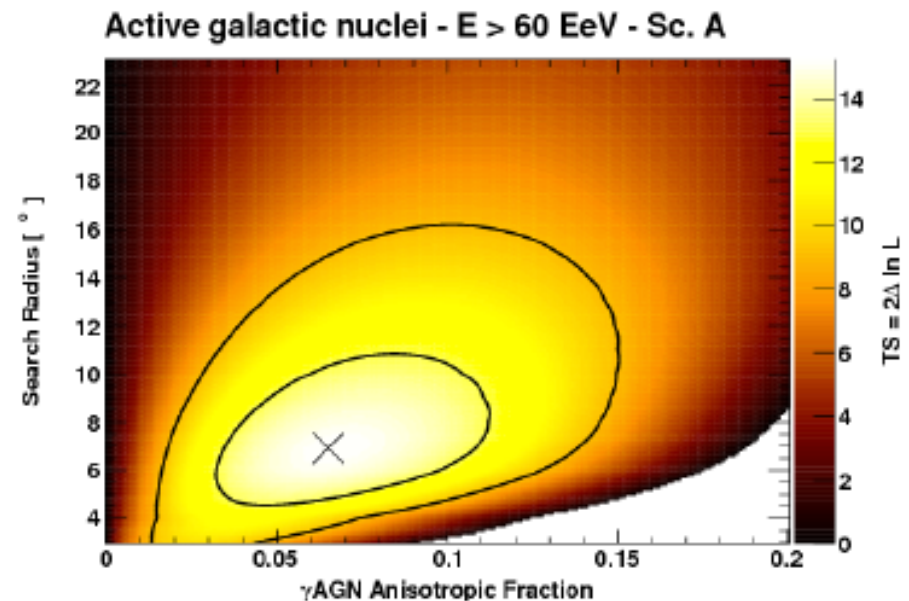
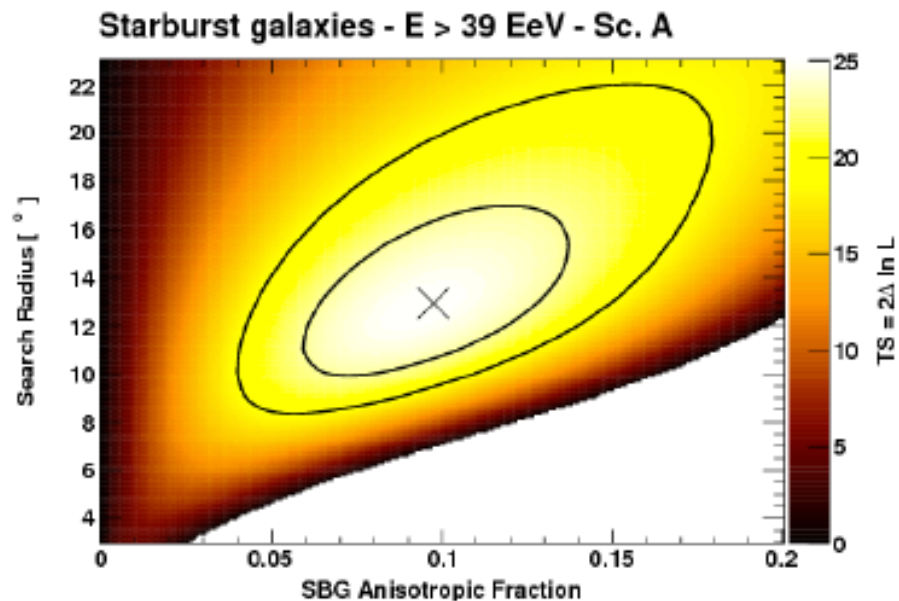
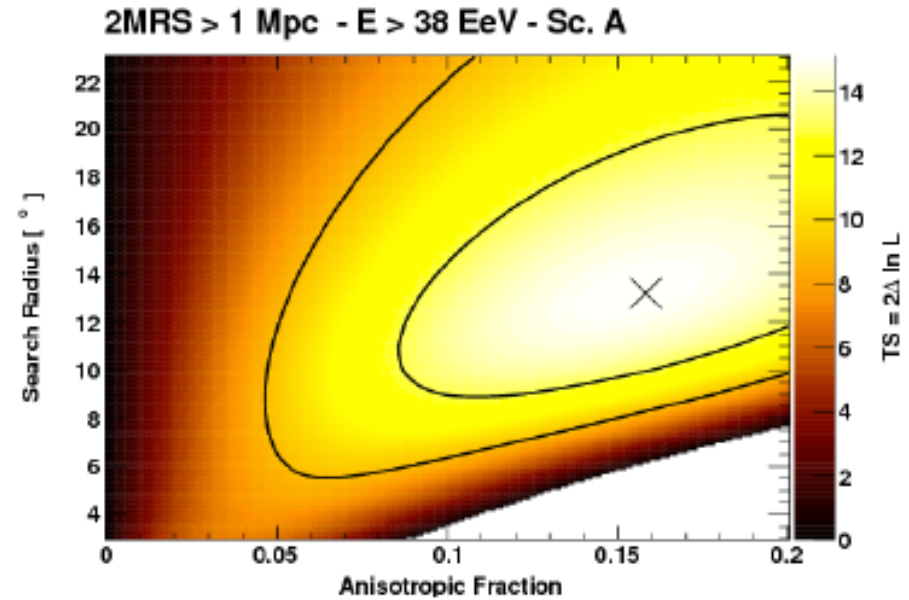
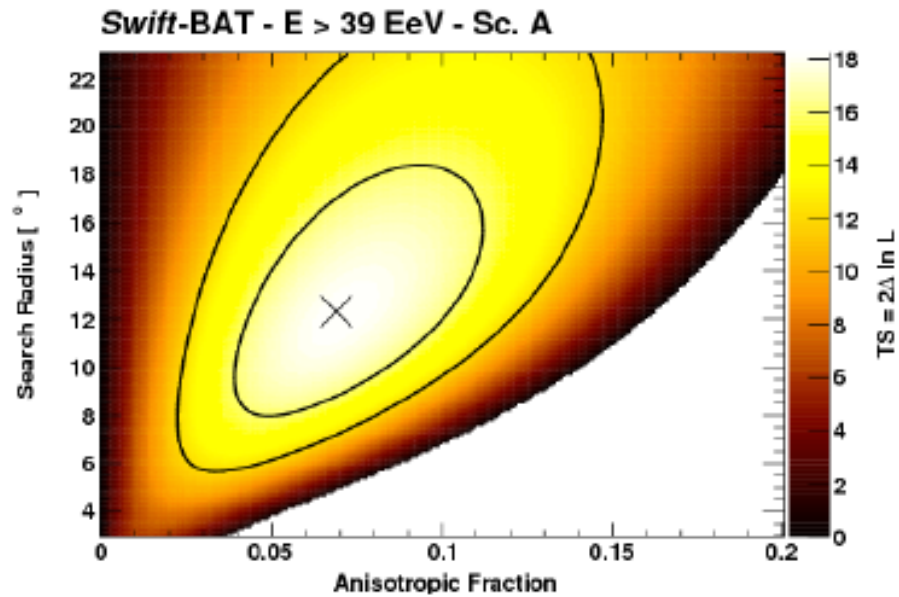
Test hypothesis	Null hypothesis	Threshold energy <sup>a</sup>	TS	Local p-value $\mathcal{P}_{\chi^2}(\text{TS}, 2)$	Post-trial p-value	1-sided significance	AGN/other fraction	SBG fraction	Search radius
SBG + ISO	ISO	39 EeV	24.9	$3.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.0 \sigma$	N/A	9.7%	12.9°
$\gamma$ AGN + SBG + ISO	$\gamma$ AGN + ISO	39 EeV	14.7	N/A	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.7 \sigma$	0.7%	8.7%	12.5°
$\gamma$ AGN + ISO	ISO	60 EeV	15.2	$5.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.7 \sigma$	6.7%	N/A	6.9°
$\gamma$ AGN + SBG + ISO	SBG + ISO	60 EeV	3.0	N/A	0.08	$1.4 \sigma$	6.8%	0.0% <sup>b</sup>	7.0°
<i>Swift</i> -BAT + ISO	ISO	39 EeV	18.2	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.2 \sigma$	6.9%	N/A	12.3°
<i>Swift</i> -BAT + SBG + ISO	<i>Swift</i> -BAT + ISO	39 EeV	7.8	N/A	$5.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.6 \sigma$	2.8%	7.1%	12.6°
2MRS + ISO	ISO	38 EeV	15.1	$5.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.7 \sigma$	15.8%	N/A	13.2°
2MRS + SBG + ISO	2MRS + ISO	39 EeV	10.4	N/A	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.0 \sigma$	1.1%	8.9%	12.6°

<sup>a</sup>For composite model studies, no scan over the threshold energy is performed.

<sup>b</sup>Maximum TS reached at the boundary of the parameter space.

ISO: isotropic model.

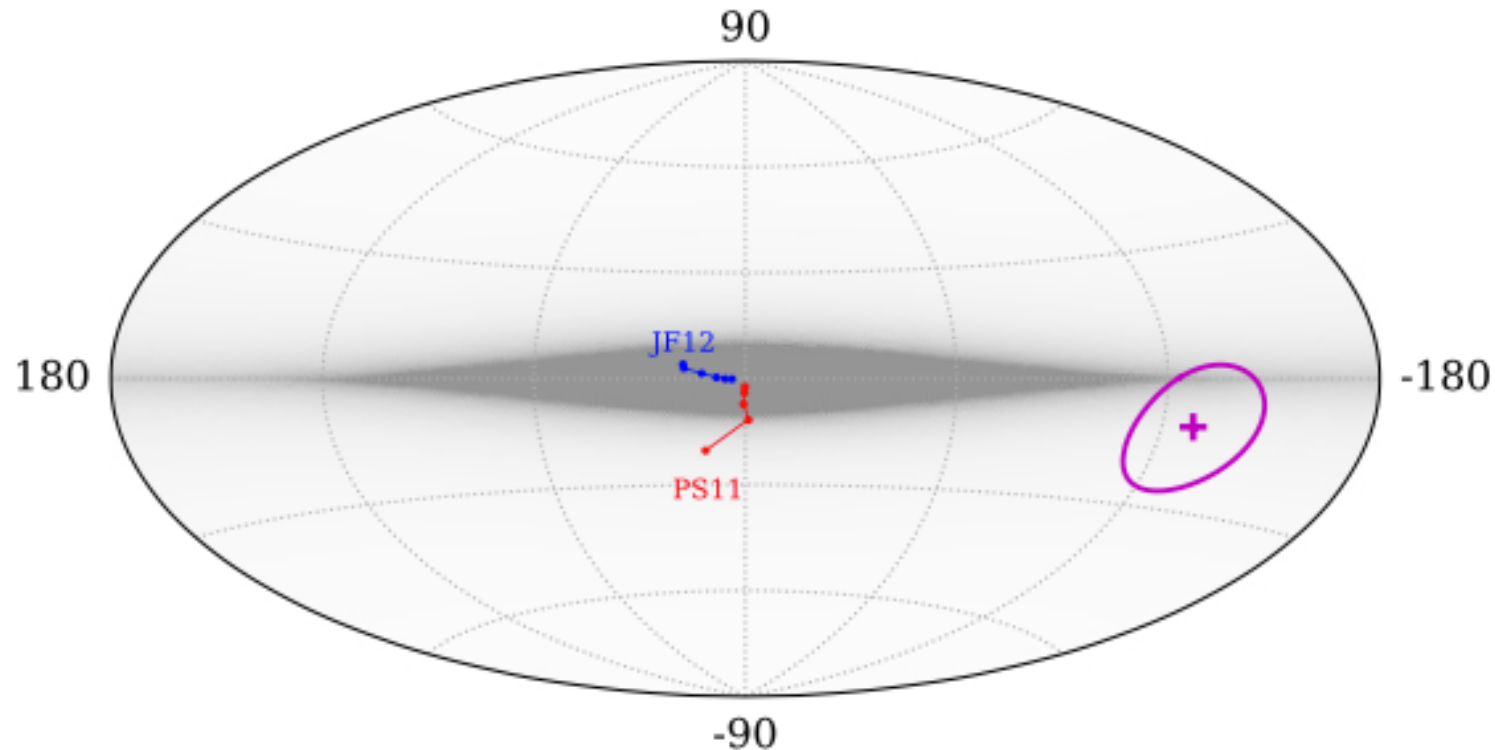
# Optimization: signal fraction and angular smearing



# Galactic origin?

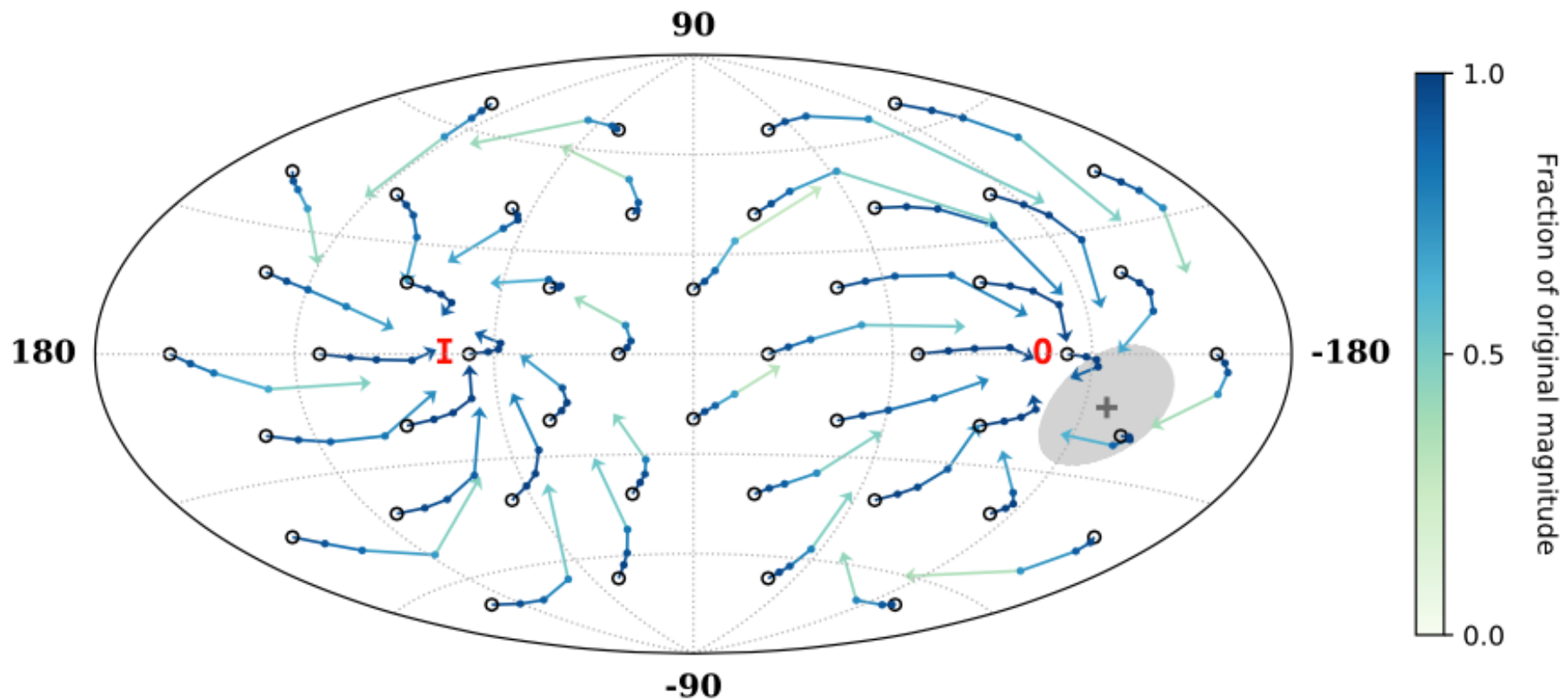
- MC: estimate flux at the Earth from a continuous distribution of sources with a density proportional to that of the luminous matter taking into account magnetic deflections
  - ==> Dipole directions close to Galactic center
  - ==> Dipole amplitudes too large for Galactic cosmic-ray origins ( $> 0.8$ )

**Unlikely of galactic origin!!**



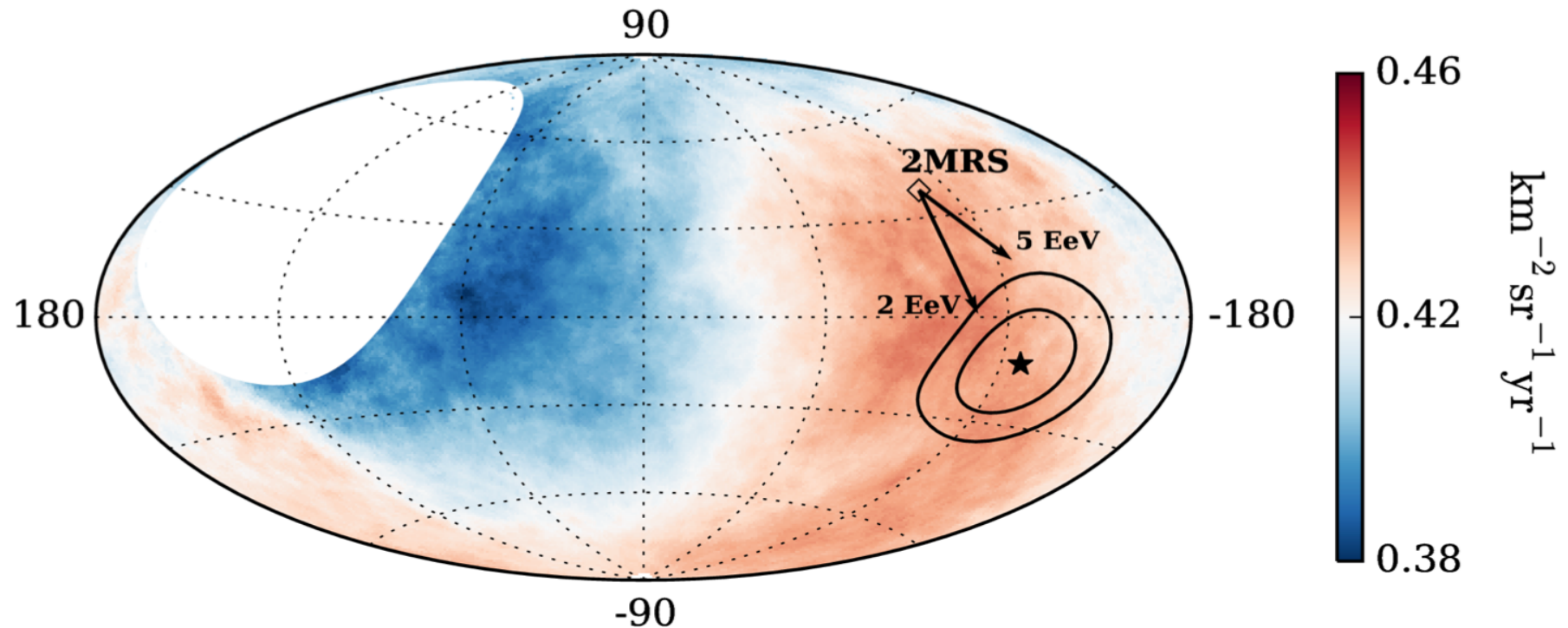
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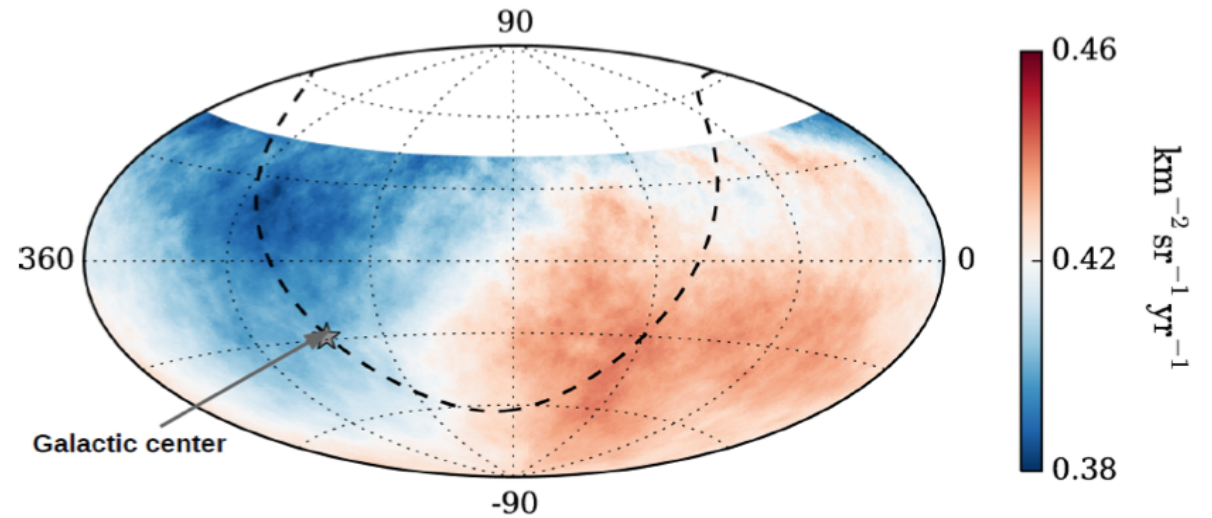
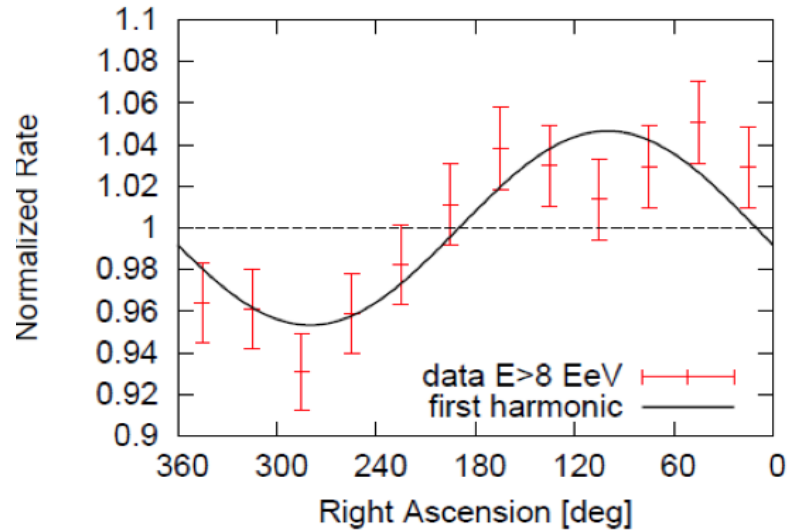


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# Dipole above 8 EeV in Eq. coordinates



**3D dipole**  $\rightarrow (6.5^{+1.3}_{-0.9})\%$  at  $(\alpha, \delta) = (100^\circ, -24^\circ)$

dipole direction  $\sim 125^\circ$  from GC

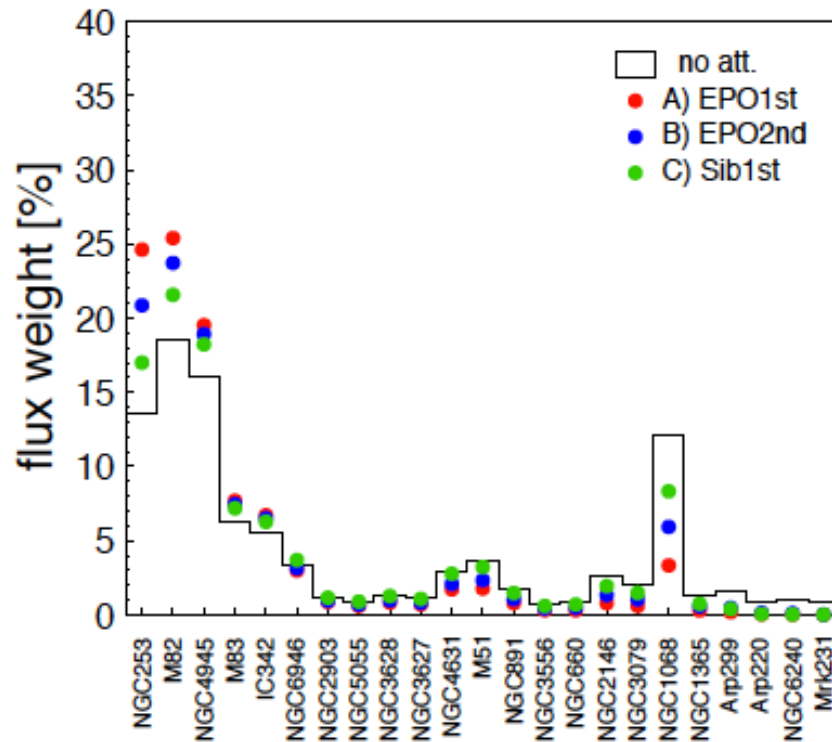


disfavors galactic origin

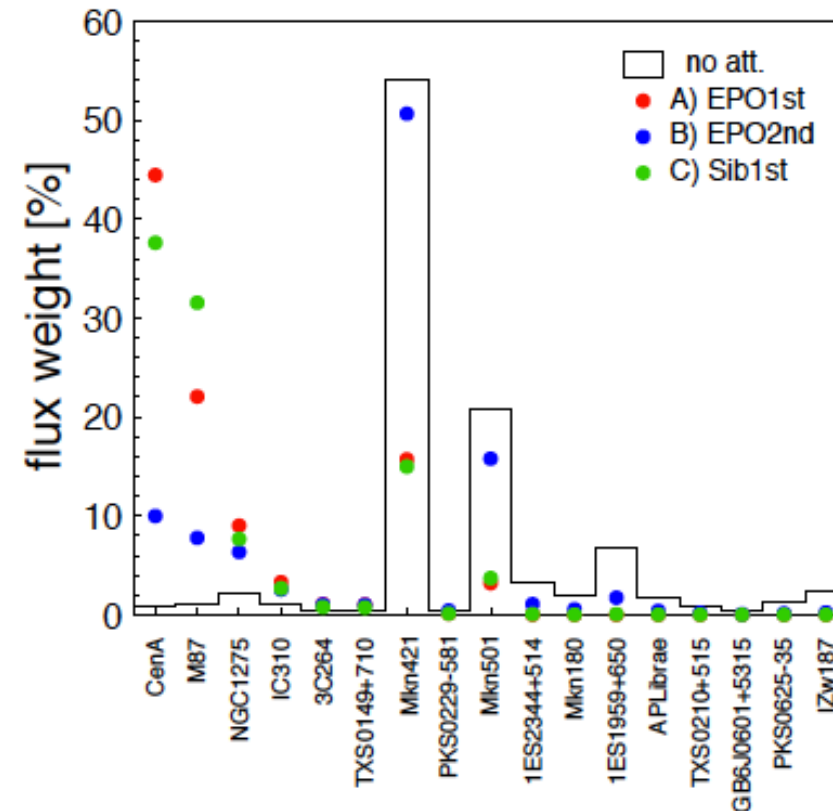
# Model:

$$\Phi_i = \text{flux model} \times \text{attenuat. model} \times \text{ang. smearing } (\sigma) \times \text{exposure}$$

starburst



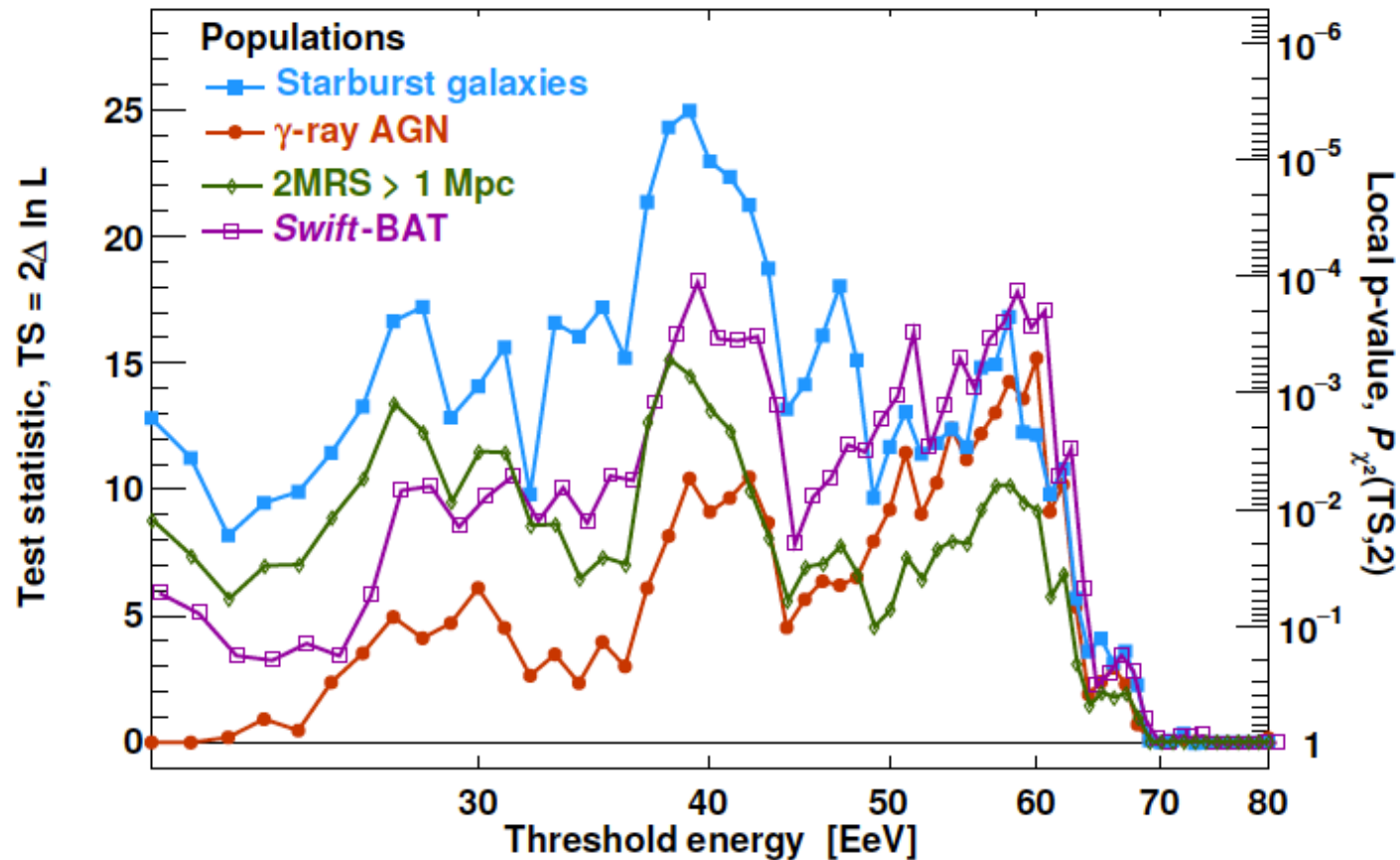
$\gamma$ AGN



composition scenarios from Pierre Auger Coll., JCAP **1704** (2017) 038 + CRPropa3

name	$\lg(R_{\max}/V)$	$f_p$	$f_{\text{He}}$	$f_N$	$f_{\text{Si}}$	$\gamma$
EPO1st	18.68	0.000	0.673	0.281	0.046	0.96
EPO2nd	19.88	0.000	0.000	0.798	0.202	2.04
Sib1st	18.28	0.702	0.295	0.003	0.000	-1.50

# Test Statistic vs. Energy



- Caution is required in identifying SBGs as the preferred sources prior to understanding the impact of the magnetic deflections
- No penalization for multiple searches conducted within the Collaboration